consumers in the District Redressal Forum of Delhi out of which 143 cases have been decided.

**Wastage of Foodgrains Potential**

364. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in 'the Hindustan Times' of the 21st January, 1989 under the caption 'Foodgrains potential goes waste' highlighting the features of timely application of fertilizers creating good irrigation potential for higher production in the agriculture sector; and

(b) if so, whether target of 172 million tonnes of foodgrains production for the year 1988-89 is likely to be achieved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The target of production of foodgrains for the year 1988-89 is 166.57 million tonnes which is likely not only to be achieved but exceeded.

**Effect of Doordarshan Advertisements on Consumer Goods**

365. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH:
SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI:
SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state whether it is a fact that certain type of advertisements on Doordarshan tend to project magical and even false effects of some consumer goods on the health and beauty of viewers, and if so, what action Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): No, Sir. Such advertisements are not accepted for telecast on Doordarshan.

**Transfer of Scarce Newsprint by Indian Express Groups of Newspaper**

366. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether any action has been taken by Government regarding the unauthorised transfer of scarce newsprint by one publication to another of M/s Indian Express Group of Newspaper; and

(b) if so, the details of the action taken against them and if not, the reasons for which M/s Indian Express is favoured by taking no action so far?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) and (b) Instances of transfer of newsprint by one publication of M/s Indian Express Group of Newspapers to another have come to the notice of the Government. Appropriate action as per rules is being examined.

**Foodgrains Production Potential**

367. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether foodgrains production in the current financial year is actually far below the potential already created in the country; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps taken by Government to achieve optimum level of production?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) The foodgrains production target for the current year (1988-89) has been fixed at 166.57 million tonnes keeping in view the potential already created in the country. The actual production might exceed the target.

(b) Does not arise.

**Comprehensive Crop Insurance Scheme**

368. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to cover non-loanee farmers also under the comprehensive Crop Insurance Scheme; and

(b) if so, by when this proposal is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) and (b) The long-term changes in the Comprehensive Crop Insurance Scheme (CCIS) including coverage of non-Japanee farmers are under the consiration of the Government. A decision in the matter is likely to be taken shortly.

369. [Transferred to the 2nd March, 1989].

**Reduction in Subsidy on Fertilizers**

370. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government's proposal to reduce fertilizer subsidy and also to extend the time limit depreciation of fertilizer plants has put the fertilizer indusry in jeopardy; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to ensure smooth functioning of the fertilizers industry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. PRABHU): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The proposal to rationalise the retention price scheme by fixing differential levels of capacity utilisation and longer economic life of plant and machinery while reducing the subsidy will also enable the fertilizer manufacturing units to function more efficiently.

**Plan of Action for Revival of Country's Rural Economy**

371. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether some experts have suggested a plan of action for reviving the country's rural economy, including freedom to the farmers to sell their produce by removing all controls on movement, processing, marketing and trade of farm products; and

(b) fi so, Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

**Suburban Rail Transport System in Delhi**

372. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have since taken any decision regarding the investment in a suburban rail transport system in Delhi; and

(b) if not, at what stage does it rest now?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a)